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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2680

59th Legislature 2006 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 6, 2006 Yeas 98 Nays 0 Speaker of the House of Representatives Passed by the Senate March 3, 2006 Yeas 44 Nays 0	I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILI 2680 as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.		
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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Fromhold, Lovick, Kenney, Quall, Simpson and Moeller; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy)

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- AN ACT Relating to purchasing service credit in plan 2 and plan 3 of the teachers' retirement system for public education experience performed as a teacher in a public school in another state or with the federal government; amending RCW 41.32.065; adding new sections to chapter 41.32 RCW; and providing an effective date.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 41.32 RCW under the subchapter heading "plan 2" to read as follows:
 - (1) An active member who has completed a minimum of five years of creditable service in the teachers' retirement system may, upon written application to the department, make a one-time purchase of up to seven years of service credit for public education experience outside the Washington state retirement system, subject to the following limitations:
 - (a) The public education experience being claimed must have been performed as a teacher in a public school in another state or with the federal government; and

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18 (b) The public education experience being claimed must have been

- covered by a retirement or pension plan provided by a state or political subdivision of a state, or by the federal government; and
 - (c) The member is not currently receiving a benefit or currently eligible to receive an unreduced retirement benefit from a retirement or pension plan of a state or political subdivision of a state or the federal government that includes the service credit to be purchased.
 - (2) The service credit purchased shall be membership service, and may be used to qualify the member for retirement.
 - (3) The member shall pay the actuarial value of the resulting increase in the member's benefit calculated in a manner consistent with the department's method for calculating payments for reestablishing service credit under RCW 41.50.165.
 - (4) The member may pay all or part of the cost of the service credit to be purchased with a lump sum payment, eligible rollover, direct rollover, or trustee-to-trustee transfer from an eligible retirement plan. The department shall adopt rules to ensure that all lump sum payments, rollovers, and transfers comply with the requirements of the internal revenue code and regulations adopted by the internal revenue service. The rules adopted by the department may condition the acceptance of a rollover or transfer from another plan on the receipt of information necessary to enable the department to determine the eligibility of any transferred funds for tax-free rollover treatment or other treatment under federal income tax law.
- 24 (5) The employer also may pay all or a portion of the member's cost 25 of the service credit purchased under this section.
 - NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 41.32 RCW under the subchapter heading "plan 3" to read as follows:
 - (1) An active member who has completed a minimum of five years of creditable service in the teachers' retirement system may, upon written application to the department, make a one-time purchase of up to seven years of service credit for public education experience outside the Washington state retirement system, subject to the following limitations:
- 34 (a) The public education experience being claimed must have been 35 performed as a teacher in a public school in another state or with the 36 federal government;

(b) The public education experience being claimed must have been covered by a retirement or pension plan provided by a state or political subdivision of a state, or by the federal government; and

- (c) The member is not currently receiving a benefit or currently eligible to receive an unreduced retirement benefit from a retirement or pension plan of a state or political subdivision of a state or the federal government that includes the service credit to be purchased.
- (2) The service credit purchased shall be membership service, and may be used to qualify the member for retirement.
- (3) The member shall pay the actuarial value of the resulting increase in the member's benefit calculated in a manner consistent with the department's method for calculating payments for reestablishing service credit under RCW 41.50.165.
- (4) The member may pay all or part of the cost of the service credit to be purchased with a lump sum payment, eligible rollover, direct rollover, or trustee-to-trustee transfer from an eligible retirement plan. The department shall adopt rules to ensure that all lump sum payments, rollovers, and transfers comply with the requirements of the internal revenue code and regulations adopted by the internal revenue service. The rules adopted by the department may condition the acceptance of a rollover or transfer from another plan on the receipt of information necessary to enable the department to determine the eligibility of any transferred funds for tax-free rollover treatment or other treatment under federal income tax law.
- 25 (5) The employer also may pay all or a portion of the member's cost 26 of the service credit purchased under this section.
- **Sec. 3.** RCW 41.32.065 and 1991 c 278 s 1 are each amended to read 28 as follows:

A member who has not purchased service credit under the provisions of section 1 or 2 of this act may elect under this section to apply service credit earned in an out-of-state retirement system that covers teachers in public schools solely for the purpose of determining the time at which the member may retire. The benefit shall be actuarially reduced to recognize the difference between the age a member would have first been able to retire based on service in the state of Washington

- 1 and the member's retirement age.
- 2 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 4.** This act takes effect January 1, 2007.

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